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PREVIOUSLY IN AGE OF ULTRON...

YEARS AGO, FOUNDING AVENGER HENRY PYM INVENTED THE ARTIFICAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS ULTRON.

ONCE ULTRON BECAME SELF-AWARE HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO PURIFYING THE EARTH OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. EVERY TIME ULTRON CREATED A PLAN TO STRIKE OUT AT HUMANITY, EVERY TIME ULTRON ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY THE AVENGERS, HE WAS DEFEATED.

TONY STARK WARNED THAT IF ULTRON WAS TO CONTINUE TO EVOLVE HE WOULD FIND A WAY TO DESTROY US.

THAT DAY HAS COME.

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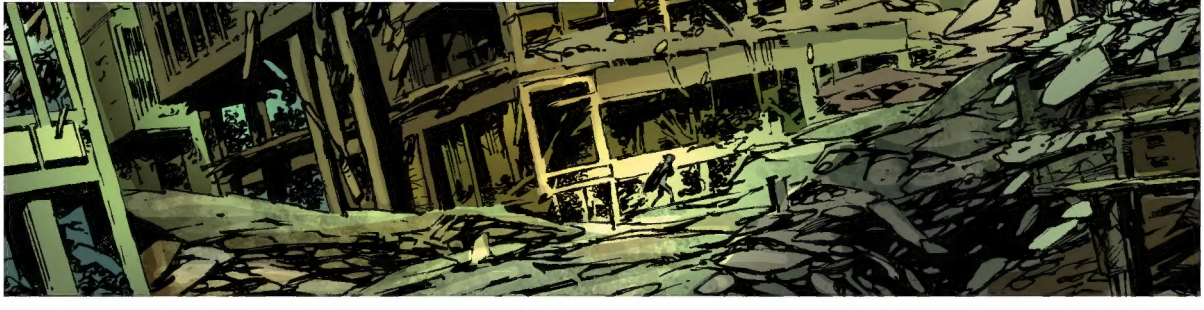
SAN FRANCISCO.
TODAY.
SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY



WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING. WHAT? A CAR? FOOD?
GIVE ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT.
WHERE DID YOU GET A GUN?
D-DROP THE BLANKET AND PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE--ON THE WALL.
OKAY, WHICH WALL?
HANDS ON YOUR HEAD! TAKE OFF THE-THE-THE--
WHICH IS IT? HANDS ON THE WALL? ON MY HEAD? WHAT?
I'M GOING TO SHOOT YOU.
NO, YOU WON'T. IF YOU WERE GOING TO, YOU WOULD HAVE. IF YOU WERE A REAL MAN, YOU WOULD HAVE. *THAT* I WOULD RESPECT!
YOU COWARD!
DID YOU GET TO WATCH YOUR FAMILY DIE?
DO YOU THINK THEY WATCH YOU NOW?
N-NO MORE TALK! GIVE ME WHAT YOU HAVE!
WH-WHAT DO YOU *HAVE*?

SPAK
SIGN LANGUAGE: I HAD IT.
SIGN LANGUAGE: SURE YOU DID.

SIGN LANGUAGE: SAFE HOUSE.
OPEN 24 HOURS

SUBMIT OR PERISH. SUBMIT OR PERISH.
I DON'T KNOW THESE GUYS!
PLEASE!
JUST RUN! RUN! GET OUT OF MY WAY!

WELL, THAT WAS A BUST...
WATCH IT NATASHA, YOU'RE GOING TO PUT AN EYE OUT WITH THAT THING.
AREN'T YOU FUNNY.
NO LUCK ON THE STREET? OTHER THAN MR. RIGHT WITH THE GUN?
THE HOSPITAL IS THE WORST OF IT ALL, MARC.
I TOLD YOU.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE JUST A LITTLE LONGER FOR HUMANITY TO COMPLETELY COLLAPSE IN ON ITSELF.
WELL, YOU WERE REALLY KIDDING YOURSELF THEN.
NO WORD FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD?
EVERYTHING IS DEAD OR DYING.
NOTHING AT ALL?
IT'S GETTING WORSE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK FURY WAS DOING DOWN HERE?

MOON KNIGHT
WASP
LOGAN
SPIDER-WOMAN
CAGE
SENTRY
MS MARVEL
HAWKEYE
MEDUSA
HULKLING
ARES
HELLCAT
SURFER
VALKYRIE
ROSS
ADPOOL
GRIMM
CHECK WITH XAVIER - MIGHT BE TOO LATE
VULTURE
MURDOCK
BLACK BOLT
NOT PYM
WANDA
LOCKJAW
GORGON
MACHINE MAN
STRANGE
BRADDOCK
NIGHTCRAWLER
MAGNETO
ESTOOTH
XAVIER
DRAKE
ROSS
JSTORM
IKON
ELECTRO
OCTAVIUS
KRAVEN
SUMMERS
OSBORN
THOR
RICHARDS
IRON FIST
SPIDER-MAN
MOCKINGBIRD
STARK
MISS AMERICA
CASTLE
BANNER
SQUIRREL GIRL!!

THIS WAS FURY'S SECRET HIDEOUT.
WELL, ONE OF THEM.

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS WHERE HE WAS HOLED UP DURING THE SKRULL INVASION.
THE PEOPLE HE CAN TRUST IN BLUE AND THE PEOPLE HE COULDN'T IN RED?
I WONDER IF HE MADE IT OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS?

I WONDER IF HE'S GOING TO KILL US FOR USING HIS STUFF.
HE MOST CERTAINLY WILL.
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

GO?
THIS IS THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE.
AND WE DON'T THINK THAT ULTRON WILL SOMEHOW TAP INTO S.H.I.E.L.D. INTELLIGENCE AND DISCOVER THESE LITTLE FURY VACATION SPOTS.
ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT NICHOLAS FURY IS THAT HE NEVER WROTE ANYTHING DOWN.
IF YOU DON'T WRITE IT DOWN, THERE'S NO PAPER TO TRAIL.
THE MACHINE CAN'T FIND THIS PLACE BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS IT EXISTS.
WELL, AIN'T THE TWO OF US LUCKY THAT WE WERE RUNNING A BLACK-OPS MISSION WHEN THE WORLD WENT TO HELL...
I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING ACTUALLY.
YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT NEW YORK IS--
I KNOW.
WE HAVE TO FIND THE OTHERS. THOR, SOMEBODY HAD TO MAKE IT THROUGH THIS, TOO...
JUST PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL HELP ME SHOVE A NUCLEAR WARHEAD UP THAT ROBOT'S ASS.
OH, OKAY.
I MEAN IT.
I KNOW.
DON'T BE COY. DON'T BE CUTE. NOT NOW.
I DON'T MIND GOING OUT.
WE'RE ALL GOING TO EVENTUALLY.
BUT NOT WITHOUT TAKING THAT DAMN THING WITH US.
EXACTLY.

CENTRAL PARK, UNDER IT.
SO THE END OF THE WORLD ACTUALLY HAPPENED AND I SLEPT THROUGH IT?
HOW MUCH MORE ME COULD I POSSIBLY BE?
MY NAME IS PETER PARKER, BY THE WAY.
I GUESS WE CAN FORGO THE PARANOID FORMALITY OF A SECRET IDENTITY.
ALL THOSE THINGS THAT WERE SO FREAKING IMPORTANT TO US-- NOT SO IMPORTANT ANYMORE, HUH?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
HONESTLY, I WENT TO BED AND I WOKE UP AND THE WORLD HAD GONE TO ABSOLUTE HELL.
IT HAPPENED TO A LOT OF US.
AT FIRST I THOUGHT, OH GOOD, I HAD FINALLY COMPLETELY CRACKED UP.
GOOD?
WELL, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PRETTY SURE THAT NO HUMAN BEING CAN HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL OF THE THINGS I HAVE GONE THROUGH AND NOT EVENTUALLY SNAP.
BUT I WAS ALWAYS PRETTY SURE THAT SITTING AROUND AND WORRYING THAT I MIGHT SNAP IS WORSE THAN ACTUALLY SNAPPING.
I CONVINCED MYSELF THAT SNAPPING WOULD BE A HUGE RELIEF.
WHAT DID YOU SEE, PETER?

DO WE KNOW IF IT'S JUST MANHATTAN?

WE ASSUME THAT IT'S EVERYWHERE.

AND WE ASSUME THAT BECAUSE...?

NO ONE HAS EVEN *TRIED* TO ENTER THE AIRSPACE.

NOT AN AVENGER, NOT A PLANE OR HELICOPTER...

NO MILITARY?

WASHINGTON, D.C., IS GONE. WE KNOW THAT FOR A FACT.

GONE AS IN...?

GONE LIKE IT NEVER EXISTED.

CAN I JUST SAY...

I'M REALLY GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS.

IS-IS THIS EVERYBODY?

THIS IS IT? 7,000 SUPER HEROES IN NEW YORK...

THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF US?

HOW DID YOU END UP KIDNAPPED?

MY SPIDER-SENSE DIDN'T EVEN GO OFF.
THERE WAS JUST THIS FLASH OF WHITE.
I WOKE UP DRUGGED AND TIED TO A CHAIR.
WHAT WERE THEY DOING TO YOU?
DRUGGING ME, TALKING CRAP, YOU KNOW...
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY DO.
EXACTLY.
DID THEY SAY ANYTHING IMPORTANT?
WELL, LOGAN, IF YOU THINK THEM TELLING ME THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SELL ME TO THE BIG ROBOT IS IMPORTANT.
THEY WERE GOING TO SELL YOU?
TO ULTRON.
THEY WERE GOING TO SELL YOU TO ULTRON.
NO OFFENSE, BUT WHY WOULD THE ROBOT NEED YOU? AND WHY WOULD HE NEED THOSE IDIOTS TO BRING YOU TO HIM?

I DON'T THINK IT'S A MATTER OF NEED. MAYBE JUST WANT.
BUT I'M HARDLY AN EXPERT ON WORLD-DESTROYING ARTIFICIAL ORGANISMS.
BUT LUKE HAS A DAMN GOOD POINT. WHY *WOULD* THAT THING NEED TO DO BUSINESS WITH A COUPLE OF LOW LIFE DIRTBAGS?
EXACTLY.
AT THIS POINT, WHAT'S IN IT FOR HIM?
IT MIGHT BE THAT THE OWL AND THE OTHER GUY ARE JUST FOOLING THEMSELVES INTO THINKING THEY CAN DO BUSINESS WITH IT.
BUT THEY WERE REALLY ABOUT TO GET THEMSELVES EVAPORATED.
I THOUGHT THAT TOO, DAISY.
BUT I'M UNDER THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD DONE THIS BEFORE.
BARTERED A "PERSON OF INTEREST."
THIS @#E#% ROBOT!!
CONQUERS THE WORLD TO BARTER WITH TRASH?
THIS IS INSANE.
YOU HAD TO'A HEARD HIM WRONG.
BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO *SOMETHING*... RIGHT?
SURVIVE.
TONY, SURVIVE IS NOT SOMETHING.
NO, IT'S NOT...

BUT THAT'S BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN...
UNTIL NOW.
TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT:
THE PLAN...